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SUBJECT: ARMY AND POLICE SUCCESSFULLY REPULSE ATTACK ON
CAMP IN ROLPA

1. Local papers report that the Royal Nepalese Army (RNA) inflicted heavy casualties on Maoist insurgents who were attempting to overrun a security forces camp in Khara, Rukum (one of the five districts comprising the Maoist heartland). Maoists attacked the camp, garrisoned by approximately 50 RNA soldiers and 20 Nepal Police officers, beginning about 10:00 p.m. on May 27 and ending at around 4:00 a.m., May 28. The camp's garrison was deployed to Khara as part of the Integrated Security and Development Program. The reports state that 5 RNA soldiers were killed and 19 injured in the engagement; the bodies of at least 100 Maoists are said to have been recovered, as well as approximately 80 weapons, including a light machine gun. The RNA employed a helicopter with night vision capability in the action. The helicopter's arrival on scene is credited with causing the insurgents to break off their attack. Accounts of the fighting from Embassy sources are consistent with the press reporting.
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